

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A thermal printer comprising:

a platen roller whose shaft is rotatably supported  
5 to a main body case;

a thermal head composed of a long line head and  
capable of contacting with or separating from the platen  
roller; and

a pair of head supporting members for supporting  
10 both ends of the thermal head in the longitudinal  
direction,

wherein one end of each of the head supporting  
members supporting the thermal head is rotatable with a  
rotation supporting portion formed at the other end  
15 thereof as a rotation point, and

wherein at least one of the rotation supporting  
portions of the pair of head supporting members is formed  
in a hole shape elongated in a direction parallel to a  
direction where the thermal head contacts or separates  
20 from the platen roller.

2. The thermal printer according to Claim 1,

wherein the rotation supporting portions are  
supported by supporting shafts fixed to the main body  
25 case.

3. The thermal printer according to Claim 1 or 2,

wherein the thermal head is pressure-contacted to

the platen roller by the elastic force applied from an elastic member to the head supporting members.

4. The thermal printer according to any one of  
5 Claims 1 to 3,

wherein inner surfaces of the elongated hole shaped rotation supporting portion facing each other in the longitudinal direction are formed in a circular arc shape whose the center is a contact point of the thermal head  
10 and the platen roller.